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MARTIN WHITE WANTS FULLERTON'S OFFICE

CONTEST IS STARTED

Suit Filed in Circuit Court Asking for Recount of Election Ballots

Martin White wants to be county judge. He made this fact known some months ago, but W. J. Fullerton, according to the official canvass, secured more votes than did White, consequently he was considered as elected. The majority Fullerton received was only three votes, and evidently White thinks there is a probability that some mistake was made, so he asks for a recount. He sets forth in his complaint that the official count shows that he received 753 votes and Fullerton, 756. White's idea of the count is that it was erroneous. He claims he should have been credited with 804 votes and Fullerton was entitled to only 755 and that he (White) was duly elected.

Makes Claim to Everything

In his complaint White claims that he received more votes in practically every precinct than he was given credit for. Just how he arrived at the figures cannot be ascertained unless it is that he denies everything and admits nothing, except that Fullerton received less votes than he (White) did. He claims that a goodly number in Warren were allowed to vote, and they were illegal voters. He is under the impression that all illegal votes went to Fullerton and that HE should be county judge.

The date set for the hearing is December 24th, in the circuit court rooms. The hour is 9:30 o'clock. The bondsmen are Henry Morgus and Sherman Miles, who agree to pay the costs of the hearing and recount, provided the plaintiff does not prevail. The inference is, therefore, that if he doesn't prevail, in other words, land the job, the county will pay the costs. White is represented by a Portland lawyer, W. T. Hume, who seems to make a specialty of contested election cases. He has three on his hands now.

So far as the Mist can learn, this is the first election contest in Columbia county. Those interviewed do not approve of White's action. Three votes is a majority and entitles the winner to the job and White, according to the sentiment expressed, should have taken his medicine.

Fullerton has been running for office for years and this is the first time he was successful. On the other hand, White has been running for years and usually landed the job. Probably this is the reason he cannot stand the gall of defeat. At any rate, it looks rather tough for Fullerton, who almost has the plum in his hand, to have another step up and grab the coveted fruit. The contest has excited much interest and the outcome will be eagerly watched. Just how Judge Bakin will proceed to have the ballots recounted, if a recount is ordered, is a matter of guess work. It stands to reason, however, that if any mistakes are found, they are just as liable to be in Fullerton's favor as in favor of the contestant, Mr. White. The complaint as filed is:

Petition

Martin White, Plaintiff and Contestant,
vs.
W. J. Fullerton, Defendant and Contestant.

Now comes the plaintiff and contestant and makes and files this his petition, and for cause of contest as follows:

That on the 5th day of November, 1918 there was held in the County of Oregon and in Columbia County, a general election for the position of divers and sundry candidates among others candidates for the office of County Judge of said Columbia County.

That at said election the said contestant, Martin White, was a candidate duly and regularly nominated upon the ticket of the Republican party, and the defendant and contestee, W. J. Fullerton, was duly and regularly nominated as a candidate upon the ticket of the Democratic party, and both said plaintiff and defendant were candidates at said election, and the board of canvassers at said election has returned and certified the said W. J. Fullerton as being duly elected as County Judge at said election.

That the plaintiff and contestant herein, Martin White, voted at said election, and claims to have been elected at said election to the office of County Judge, and the said Martin White was at all of the dates and times herein mentioned, and now is, eligible to hold the said office of County Judge.

And the said plaintiff and contestant herein, for grounds of contest further alleges that at said election there were cast in Warren Precinct in said Columbia county, nine illegal votes, which said nine illegal votes were cast for the said defendant, contestee, W. J. Fullerton; that the illegality of said votes consists in this, that the following

County Judge-Elect and Contestant for Office



W. J. FULLERTON

County Judge-elect, whose election to the office is now being contested by Martin White.



MARTIN WHITE

named persons, Elizabeth Johnson, Ulrika Bocklund, Erick Bocklund, Anton Johnson, Nels Jensen, Hannah Dahlgren and Matt Matson, each and all, voted at said election for the said defendant and neither of said parties were legally entitled to vote for the reason that said electors were not registered upon the official register as required by law prior to the said date of election, and that each of said electors attempted to register on said election day and in so attempting to register did file with the Judge of Election their official registration card, verified before the said defendant said oath to said persons claiming to be electors, but that each of said persons so claiming to be electors failed and omitted to secure the affidavits of two freeholders who were personally acquainted with the said person, elector, and his qualifications as an elector, and failed and omitted to cause such affidavit of said freeholders to be endorsed upon the back of the said registration blank as provided in Sec. 2 and Sec. 5 of Chapter 225 of the Laws of Oregon of the Session of the Legislature of 1915; that notwithstanding the failure and omission of the said persons to register and qualify themselves, and each of them, to entitle them to register, and to give them, and each of them, the qualifications necessary to entitle them to vote as a qualified elector at said election, each of the said persons did vote, and their votes, and each of their votes, was received by the Judges of Election and thereafter counted and canvassed as and for votes cast for the said defendant and contestee herein; that Myrtle Nagle and Earl H. Bennett claimed to be qualified electors at said election, but each of said persons were not, prior to the date of said election, registered upon the official register of the County of Columbia, but each of said persons did attempt to register upon said election day, and in attempting to so register each of said persons did register and file with the Judges of Election in said Warren Precinct an official registration card signed by each of said persons, but the said registration cards were not verified by the oath of either of said persons, and the said registration cards were not entitled to be filed, and each of said persons did fail and omit to register as required by Sec. 2 and Sec. 5 of Chapter 225 of the Laws of Oregon of 1915; that each of said persons did vote at said Warren Precinct and the votes cast by said persons were received by the Judges of Election and thereafter counted and canvassed as votes for the said contestant and defendant herein; that each and all of said votes so cast by said electors in said Warren Precinct were illegal votes, and that at the time of the casting of the same the said electors and persons herein named did believe that they had a right to vote and did not vote with the intention to violate any of the laws of the State of Oregon.

And petitioner for further cause of contest alleges that one J. P. Mollinop cast an illegal vote in Precinct St. Helens No. 2, in said Columbia county, and that said vote so cast by the said Mollinop was received by the Judges of Election at said Precinct and was counted and canvassed for the defendant and contestee, W. J. Fullerton; that the illegality of the ballot so cast by the said Mollinop consists in this, that the said Mollinop was not registered upon the official register of the County of Columbia and was not, then, on the date of said election, nor for the length of time required by law, a resident of Columbia county so entitle him to be registered in said county or to vote at any precinct in said County; that the said date of election, and for a long time immediately prior thereto, the said Mollinop was and had been a resident of the county of Marion, in the state of Oregon; that the said ballot so cast by the said elector was illegal

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OFFICIALS ELECTED FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MORTON IS PRESIDENT

All Pledge Aid to Make New Organization a Real Aid to Community

The St. Helens Chamber of Commerce was organized and officers elected Tuesday night. The attendance was not as large as expected on account of several important lodge meetings, but the absentees were present in spirit and thought and there is no doubt as to the success and usefulness of the newly formed organization.

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman D. C. Howard. Sherman Miles, chairman of the nominating committee, stated they had met and after due consideration, suggested several St. Helens men for president of the organization. The names submitted were A. E. Austin, H. M. Buck, J. H. Flynn and S. C. Morton. A ballot was taken and Flynn and Morton received the largest number of votes. It was then moved that the two nominees who received the minority vote, be dropped and the vote be confined to Morton and Flynn. This was done and Morton won by a very small margin.

Wheeler Elected Vice President. The newly elected president relieved the temporary chairman of his duties and called for nominations for vice president. Charles Wheeler, Thomas Roy, Frank Phillips and J. H. Flynn were nominated. The vote showed Wheeler to be the choice of the assembly and he was declared duly elected.

E. H. Scott was unanimously elected recording secretary and A. L. Stone elected treasurer over A. S. Harrison. Mr. Harrison wished to decline the nomination, but the chairman would not allow him to withdraw his name. He asked, however, that his supporters give their vote to Stone, so Stone was unanimously elected.

Directors are Chosen. S. C. Morton, C. L. Wheeler, Sherman Miles and W. E. Lidyard were chosen as directors. Their duties were outlined and it will be their first duty to select a working secretary, who will have charge of the numerous matters which come before an organization of this kind. Those present pledged their undivided efforts toward making the organization a success and indications are that the Chamber of Commerce will grow and be a power and a benefit not only to St. Helens, but to the entire county.

The teachers' examination is being conducted by County School Superintendent Allen. The following teachers are taking the examination: Gladys Richey, Belle Lytle, Edna Baughman and Maude Alexander of Rainier; Elizabeth Murray and May Murray of Deer Island; Sylvia A. Hardman, Goble; Berth Levison, Quincy and Clara M. Ketel, St. Helens.

The government steamer, Dardania, was launched at the Sommerstrom yards Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Hugo Sommerstrom christened the vessel which slid into the waters of the Columbia without mishap. The steamer is of the Ferris type, 282 feet long, 46 feet beam and has a capacity of 3500 tons. It is the fifth vessel launched

NEWSY NOTES OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

At Home and Abroad They are Performing Their Duty

Bill Dodd has received the following letter from his uncle, "Gravy" Graves, who is in France or Belgium and in the 91st division. The letter is dated November 12:

Dear Billy:—I received your letter and enclosure today, but could not find the \$1.00 bill you mentioned. Did you forget to put it in? Anyhow, I don't need it very badly for George Wolts and others will always loan me a few dollars if I need them badly. I had a few dollars of my own but I loaned them and the borrowers either got wounded or killed.

Louis Muhr a Hero

I saw Louis Muhr last evening for the first time since I have been in France. He carried one of our officers off the field at the French front. I understand it was a brave deed. He heard that I was O. K. and looked me up and I was very glad to see one of the boys from St. Helens. Harry Richardson is in the hospital; he is ill, but not seriously.

When they quit censoring the mail I will write and tell you more, perhaps of many things in which you will be interested.

Other matters of a personal nature were set forth in the letter. One of them was that Graves had been sick for several days and was occupying a cot on the third floor of a nunnery.

Bert Seffert of Deer Island, was a pleasant caller at the Mist office on Wednesday. He had just received a letter from his son, Bert Seffert, Jr., in which the young soldier stated he was wounded in the big Argonne forest battle. His injury was slight and he soon rejoined his company, but unfortunately was again wounded the day hostilities ceased. His last letter, which was dated on November 20th, said he had recovered and was on his way to join his company. Mr. Seffert thinks his son is with the American army in Germany, as he is in the first division, and that division which is known as "Pershing's Pride," is one of the divisions to occupy the Kaiser's country.

Bob Harrison writes from France to his uncle, Percy Harrison, that prior to the signing of the armistice, the aviation corps was kept very busy. The flyers, pilots and machinists were all on their mettle to endeavor to accomplish just as much as possible. Bob said his squadron had the enviable record of being the best squadron and they had more Boche machines to their credit than any other squadron. His pilot is an ace, having brought down five German planes and it is Bob's business to keep the fighting flying machine in proper condition. Referring to the big drive, he says, "We sure kept the Huns out of the air during the drive, and this helped the U. S. doughboys win the fight, though we had to work all night in order to keep our planes in the air. My pilot had a narrow escape. He came in with about a quart of gasoline, one magnet on the bum and the motor turning up only 1900 revolutions and his plane was all shot up. He was awfully mad because he could not stay up and get another Boche."

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COUNCIL MEETING ENDS IN A ROW

ARE STILL IN SESSION

Motion to Adjourn Defeated—Mayor and Councilman Allen Leave

Councils may come and councils may go; mayors might be elected and re-elected or defeated, but the present council and mayor have established a record that will long be remembered. In fact, no other mayor or council has ever done as has the present city administration.

New Railing Established

St. Helens is an old town. It was incorporated almost half a century ago. In the years which have passed there have been many city administrations, and there are now living in the city, men who proudly state that years ago they were part of the city's official family. They are justly proud of this fact. They did their duty and did it well and are entitled to all honor and renown, but the services and glory of these former city servants pale into insignificance compared with the record of His Honor Magnus Saxon and a part of the council have established. Not until this week has there ever been a meeting of the council which continued for the entire week. But St. Helens is different now; the old time custom of holding a council meeting and getting through with the accumulation of business in one night is a thing of the past. The precedent established by former mayors is set at naught. One night is entirely too short a time in which to transact business. It is not necessary to dismiss the council as in days of old, but the new order of things is for the mayor, when he gets tired of council proceedings, to arise and walk out of the council chambers and leave the council members to hold council—if they wish. This is the new order of procedure established by His Honor Magnus Saxon, Mayor of the City of St. Helens, and he established such procedure at the last meeting of the city council, Monday night, December 16th, 1918. The date is given so the public may remember this important ruling in the city's legislative body.

Dock Question Raises Row

After other questions had been discussed, the matter of the city dock was brought to the attention of the city dads. L. O. Herrold, a contractor and who expected to submit a bid on the dock stated that he was not prepared to bid on account of the failure of the pile driver man to submit bids on the pile driving. One sealed bid was submitted and the mayor instructed the recorder not to open the bid, but place it in the safe for safe keeping. The mayor suggested, that inasmuch, as piling was very high, that a portion of the trees in Godfrey park be cut down and used as piling. J. W. Allen thought this would be a good idea and Joe Day suggested that some nut trees be planted in the park. Of course, this suggestion led away from the question of building a dock and J. W. Allen moved an adjournment. The motion was seconded by McDonald, but Chapman interposed an objection to an adjournment and stated he would like to have the time for receiving bids extended for one week. The mayor informed Chapman that he had ordered such extension of time and the minutes would show it; thereupon Chapman called for the reading of the minutes. At this juncture, Allen informed the mayor that a motion to adjourn was not debatable and took preference over other motions, whereupon the motion was put. Allen voted "yes" and McDonald and Chapman "no," the motion being lost. Allen, arising from his chair, told the council that they could stay as long as they wished, but he was tired of "raz chewing" and was going as he had other business to attend to. The mayor, also, arose, and said he would not consider any further business and gave McDonald a reprimand on account of having seconded a motion and then voting against it. McDonald is a grown man and more than 21 years of age, and he did not relish the reprimand administered by His Honor, for he came right back at him and said he had certain rights and was going to use them. That he had been elected by the people to serve as councilman and he wanted to stay at the council meeting until the business matters before the body had been cleaned up. The mayor would not listen and after administering a rebuke to the Mist reporter, left the council chamber, and Chapman and McDonald were left in possession of the bloodless battle field. Allen had gone and there was no quorum, so no further business was transacted.

Council Still in Session

Since the motion to adjourn was lost, it stands to reason that, notwithstanding the fact that Saxon and Allen left, the council is still in session, and when they meet again, if they should ever meet, the proceedings will have to be taken up just where they were left off. The record-

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Brest, France, Where President Wilson Landed

